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## Kuipers Tapped to Head Senate Education Committee

(LANSING) – Senate Majority Leader-elect Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, today chose incoming Senator Wayne Kuipers to chair the Senate Education Committee for the legislative session beginning January 2003.

“Wayne Kuipers’ leadership on the House Education Committee will bring valuable experience to the Senate Education Committee,” Sikkema said. “He will play an important role in addressing the education issues that face Michigan families and communities.”

As chair of the Senate Education Committee, Kuipers will be responsible for overseeing committee legislation that deals primarily with educational policy as well as appropriations.

“I am excited that Senator Sikkema selected me to serve as chair of the Senate Education Committee,” Kuipers, R-Holland, said. “I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead – and I am eager to work with my new Senate colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, on legislation that will benefit the state of Michigan.”

Wayne Kuipers has served in the Michigan House of Representatives since 1999, having prior worked as a project manager and general manager vice-president at Hollandia Gardens. He received his bachelor’s degree from Calvin College and his master’s from Aquinas College, and is active in the Holland Chamber of Commerce, Holland Special Education and Kids Hope U.S.A.

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